

North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, two-thirds of the whole number of members of each house concurring, That the second clause of the third section of the first article of the amended Constitution, ratified by the people of North-Carolina, on the second Monday of November, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, shall be amended to read as follows: "Every free white man of the age of twenty-one years, being a native or naturalized citizen of the United States, and who has been an inhabitant of the State for twelve months immediately preceding the day of any election, and shall have paid public taxes, shall be entitled to vote for a member of the Senate for the district in which he resides."

And whereas, it was further provided by the said act, "that the foregoing amendment to the Constitution of this State, as embodied in the preceding section, be submitted by the Governor to the people on the first Thursday in August, 1857, sixty days notice having been given in ten newspapers."

Now, therefore, I do hereby give notice to all persons entitled to vote for members of the House of Commons, that polls will be opened on the first Thursday in August next, by the sheriffs of the respective counties at the election precincts within the same, to take the sense of the said voters as to the ratification of said amendment to the Constitution of the State; those for ratification to vote with a written or printed ticket—"Approved;" those opposed thereto to vote with a similar ticket—"Not approved."

Given under my hand, as Governor of the State of
[L. S.] North-Carolina, at the Executive office in the city
of Raleigh, on the 18th day of May, A. D., 1857.

By the Governor:

THOS. BRAGG.

PULASKI COWPER, Pr. Sec'y.

May 18, 1857.